

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A method for defraying the cost of a collection or storage service for a divisible medical material comprising dividing said material into at least two portions, selling or donating a first portion of said material and using the proceeds from said sale or tax credits from said donation to defray the cost of collecting the material or storing a second portion of said material.
- 10 2. The method according to claim 1, further comprising recovering said material from a donor.
- 15 3. The method according to claim 1, further comprising concentrating said material.
4. The method according to claim 3, wherein said concentrating occurs prior to said dividing.
- 20 5. The method according to claim 1, further comprising diluting said material.
6. The method according to claim 5, wherein said diluting occurs prior to said dividing.
- 25 7. The method according to claim 1, further comprising purifying said material.
8. The method according to claim 7, wherein said purifying occurs prior to said dividing.
- 30 9. The method according to claim 1, further comprising amplifying said material.
- 35 10. The method according to claim 9, wherein said amplifying occurs prior to said dividing.

11. A method for defraying the cost of a storage service for umbilical cord blood stem cells comprising dividing said umbilical cord blood into at least two portions, selling or donating a first portion of said umbilical cord blood and using the proceeds from said sale or tax credits from said donation to defray the costs of storing a second portion of said umbilical cord blood.

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12. The method according to claim 11, further comprising recovering said umbilical cord blood from a donor.

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13. The method according to claim 11, further comprising concentrating said umbilical cord blood.

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14. The method according to claim 13, wherein said concentrating occurs prior to said dividing.

15. The method according to claim 11, further comprising diluting said umbilical cord blood.

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16. The method according to claim 15, wherein said diluting occurs prior to said dividing.

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17. The method according to claim 11, further comprising purifying said umbilical cord blood.

18. The method according to claim 17, wherein said purifying occurs prior to said dividing.

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19. The method according to claim 11, further comprising amplifying said umbilical cord blood.

20. The method according to claim 19, wherein said amplifying occurs prior to said dividing.

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21. The method according to claim 11, further comprising stabilizing said umbilical cord blood.

22. The method according to claim 21, wherein said stabilizing occurs prior to said dividing.